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NAUCK
HERMS

STARGIRL

THE LOST CHILDREN



AGES 13+
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IN THE BEGINNING, EVERY
HERO HAD A SIDEKICK.

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GO!
GO!
GO!

LOOKING BACK, PEOPLE THINK BEING A SIDEKICK WAS
SILLY, AND I'LL ADMIT THE CODE NAMES AND GIMMICKS
COULD BE JUST THAT, BUT THEY'RE MISSING THE POINT.

HOONK

WE DIDN'T CALL
OURSELVES SIDEKICKS--
THE PAPERS EVENTUALLY
DID.

WE CALLED
OURSELVES
LUCKY.

THEY'RE
RIGHT
BEHIND
US!

MOST OF US KIDS,
WE DIDN'T HAVE
FAMILY OR A PLACE
IN THE WORLD.

WE WERE UNWANTED,
ORPHANS AND STREET
KIDS. DELINQUENTS
AND LONERS.

OR OUTCASTS
LIKE ME.

WE FELT
POWERLESS.

UNTIL THEY
TOOK US IN.

WROON

AND HELPED
US LIKE WE
HELPED THEM.

WE'RE
GAINING
ON THEM,
TEX!

TIME TO
POWER UP,
DAN.

ON
THREE...
...TWO...

...ONE.

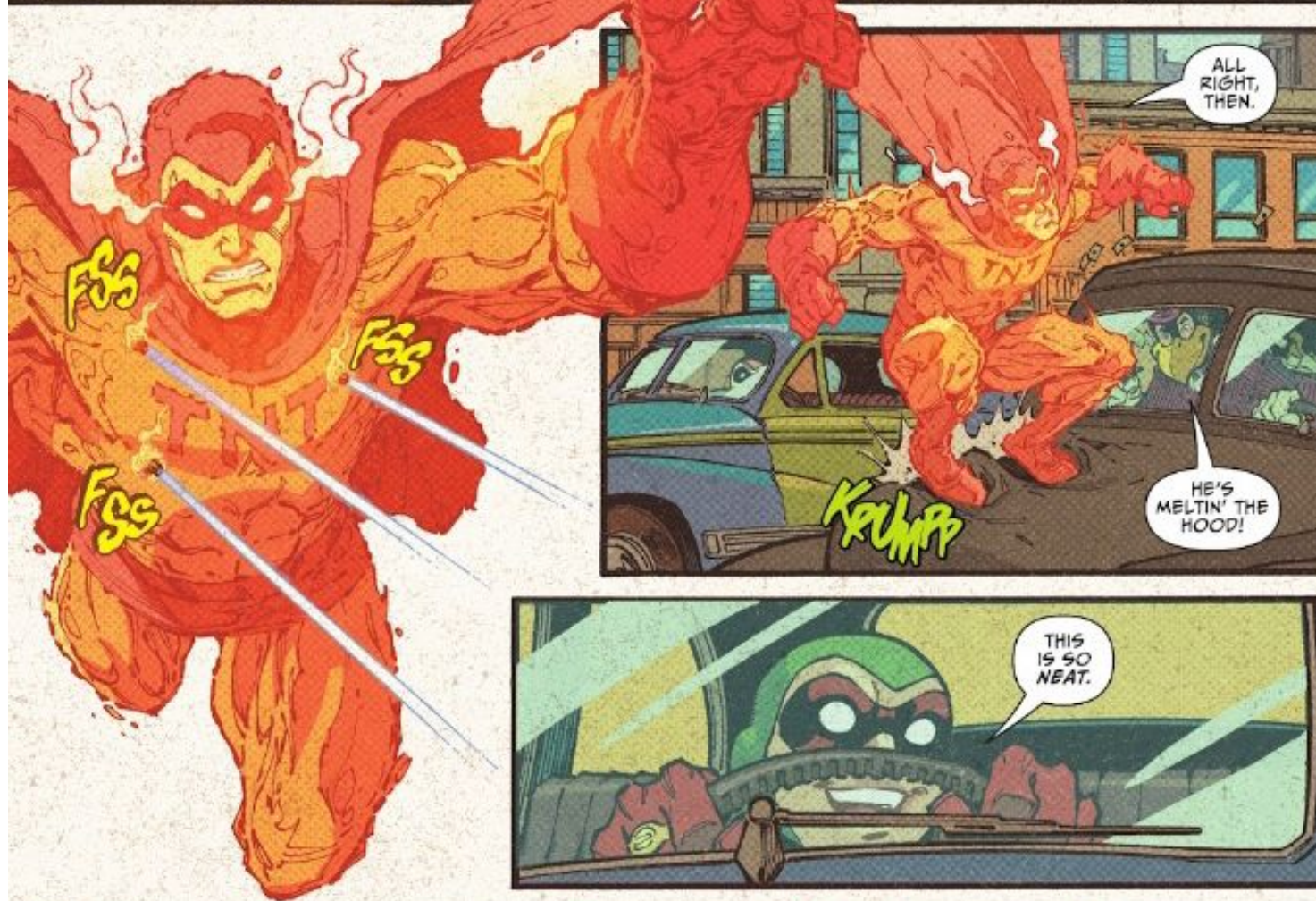
YES, THERE WAS ONCE
A GOLDEN AGE WHEN
EVERY HERO FOUND A
KID TO CARE ABOUT.

BUT TIMES
CHANGE.

TINK







NT AND DYNA
STOP THE FOX AND THE
CROW—
AGAIN!



SIX MONTHS AGO.

BACK THEN, NONE OF
US KIDS EVER TALKED
ABOUT "LEGACY."
WE NEVER EVEN
THOUGHT ABOUT IT.



NO ONE
HAD LOST
ANYONE YET.



TNT
KILLED IN
ACTION



I WAS
THE FIRST.

AND I WAS
ALONE AGAIN.
FOR DECADES.



BUT I WON'T BE
FOR MUCH LONGER.

KRA-KOOOM



TODAY.

HI! WELCOME
TO BLUE VALLEY,
NEBRASKA.

MY NAME'S
COURTNEY
WHITMORE.

MY STEPFATHER
IS PAT DUGAN.

WHO IS PAT DUGAN,
YOU ASK? WHY, PAT
WAS THE SIDEKICK
TO THE FIRST KID
SUPERHERO THAT
WASN'T A SIDEKICK,
SYLVESTER
PEMBERTON...

...THEY WERE A DUO KNOWN
TO THOSE THAT LIKE TO GO
WAY DOWN THE SUPERHERO
RABBIT HOLE AS--
THE STAR-SPANGLED KID
AND STRIPESY.

A FEW YEARS AGO, PAT MARRIED MY MOM,
I FOUND OUT ABOUT HIS LIFE AS STRIPESY.
I TOOK SYLVESTER'S STUFF, AND WE SAVED
THIS TOWN FROM DRAGON KING AND HIS
PSYCHO DAUGHTER, CINDY BURMAN.

YEP, THE ADULT
WAS THE SIDEKICK
AND THE TEENAGER
WAS THE LEADER.

AS CAUTIOUS AS
PAT IS, IT'S EASY TO
UNDERSTAND WHY.

SO SYLVESTER RECRUITED
PAT INSTEAD OF THE
OTHER WAY AROUND.

I'M CALLED
STARGIRL.

I'M ALSO IN A LOT OF
TROUBLE RIGHT NOW.

ON TOP OF
DETENTION...

...I'M VERY, VERY
GROUNDED.

ANOTHER
WEEK,
MOM?

YOU KNOW
WHY I HAVE TO
DO THIS,
COURTNEY.

YOUR GRADES
ARE SLIPPING.
YOUR CHORES ARE
PILING UP.

AND THE ONLY
LAUNDRY YOU'VE DONE
THIS ENTIRE MONTH IS
YOUR COSTUME.

WELL, YOU
TRY FIGHTING
SOLOMON
GRUNDY
AND STAYING
CLEAN.

WHEN DID
YOU FIGHT
SOLOMON
GRUNDY?

Um.
ON
MONDAY.



GRUNDY'S
ALWAYS
BORN ON A
MONDAY.



I PICKED YOU UP
FROM SCHOOL
AND YOU CAME
STRAIGHT HOME
ON MONDAY.

OKAY,
MOM,
OKAY!

RED ARROW
HAD ANOTHER
LEAD ON WING,
SO WE WENT TO THIS
SUPERNATURAL
CEMETERY AND
I SKIPPED GYM AND
ASSEMBLY AND
CALCULUS.

BUT I WAS
VERY CAREFUL
NOT TO MISS
ANYTHING
IMPORTANT!

CALCULUS
IS IMPORTANT,
COURTNEY. HIGH
SCHOOL IS. AND
SO IS BEING
HONEST.

YOU'RE
GROUNDED
FOR ANOTHER
WEEK.

WHAT?!
BUT
MOM--

IF THE JSA CALLS
BECAUSE THEY NEED YOU
FOR SOMETHING REALLY BIG
LIKE ULTRA-WHATCHAMACALLIT,
YOU'LL GET A PASS...

...BUT
OTHERWISE YOU ARE
TO FOCUS ON YOUR
SCHOOLWORK,
UNDERSTAND?

SHE'S RIGHT,
COURT.

WHAT?

YOU GOTTA
START TAKING
SCHOOL MORE
SERIOUSLY.

BUT WING
WAS YOUR
TEAMMATE, PAT. AND
HE'S OUT THERE
SOMEWHERE!





GET UP,
COURT!



WE'VE
GOT PLACES
TO BE.



HI,
COSMO!

EMIKO?
WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?

I GOT A
NEW LEAD ON
WHERE WING
MIGHT BE!



PAT AND MY MOM
SAID THE HUNT
FOR WING WAS
OVER.

YEAH. OLIVER SAID
THE SAME THING AND A
LOT OF OTHER BORING
LECTURE-Y STUFF, TOO.
LET'S GO!

YOU'RE
NOT GOING
TO LISTEN
TO HIM?

OLIVER'S
MY BROTHER,
NOT MY DAD.

BESIDES,
YOU THINK
WING IS ALIVE,
RIGHT?

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT I THINK
ANYMORE.

WHAT I SAW AND
HEARD MIGHT NOT
HAVE EVEN BEEN REAL.
IT WAS LIKE A DREAM.
AND THAT VOICE...

THE
CHILDMINDER
IS COMING.

THE LOST
SONS.

THE LOST
DAUGHTERS.

THE
CHILDREN
NEED TO BE
FREE.

"...I DON'T KNOW
WHO THAT VOICE
BELONGED TO,
EMIKO."

HERE
LIES
THE
UNKNOWN
SOLDIER
OF
VICTORY

WELL, I BELIEVE
IN YOU, LOST KIDS,
INCLUDING WING, MIGHT
NEED OUR HELP.

AND LIKE
I SAID, I FINALLY
HAVE A LEAD.

AND
IT'S A
GOOD
ONE.

HAVE YOU EVER
HEARD OF TNT
AND DAN THE
DYNA-MITE?

WHO
DO YOU
THINK YOU'RE
TALKING
TO?

I PROMISED
MY MOM I WOULD
RECOMMIT TO
SCHOOL
TOMORROW.

SO I NEED
TO BE BACK
BEFORE
SUNRISE.

OF COURSE,
SURE! I MEAN,
WE'RE TWO BADASS
SUPERHEROES...

...WHAT
COULD GO
WRONG?

STARGIRL: the lost children

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CHAPTER
1:
LIGHTING
THE FUSE



TNT WAS
KILLED IN ACTION,
MAKING DYNA-MITE THE
FIRST SIDEKICK TO
LOSE HIS MENTOR.



HE WAS PART
OF A GROUP OF
HEROES CALLED THE
YOUNG ALL-STARS
FOR A WHILE...

...BUT THEN HE
VANISHED, FOR
DECADES...

...UNTIL HE
CAME OUT OF
RETIREMENT TO
JOIN SYLVESTER
PEMBERTON'S
SISTER...



MERRY PEMBERTON.
GIRL OF 1,000 GIMMICKS.
LEADER OF OLD JUSTICE. IT
DIDN'T LAST LONG, BUT THEY
DID HELP US STOP KLARION
THE WITCH BOY.

THEN DYNA-MITE
WENT BACK INTO
RETIREMENT.



MERRY DIDN'T
LIKE ME VERY
MUCH THE FIRST
TIME I MET
HER.

TO BE EXPECTED.
YOU TOOK UP
HER BROTHER'S
LEGACY WITHOUT
HER BLESSING.

THEY'RE LUCKY YOU *DID* IT.
SYLVESTER WOULD'VE BEEN
COMPLETELY FORGOTTEN IF
NOT FOR YOU.

WITHOUT
ANYONE'S AT
FIRST...

...I WAS
LUCKY THEY
GAVE ME A
CHANCE.

THAT'S WHAT
HAPPENED TO
DYNA-MITE...AND ALL
THE OTHERS...



HAVE YOU
EVER HEARD OF
BETSY ROSS
AND MOLLY
PITCHER?

THE
HISTORICAL
FIGURES?

NO. THE
SIDEKICKS.

TO
WHO...?

MISS
AMERICA.

I DIDN'T KNOW
SHE EVEN HAD
SIDEKICKS.

I THOUGHT YOU KNEW
EVERYTHING ABOUT
THE GOLDEN AGE.

I THOUGHT
I DID, TOO...



BETSY
AND MOLLY
DISAPPEARED
AT THE END
OF WORLD
WAR II...



IN APRIL OF 1942, HOURMAN'S SIDEKICK, TICK-TOCK, WAS INVESTIGATING THE HIJACKING OF A SHIPMENT OF MIRACLO.

HE TRACKED IT TO SOME DOCKS...

...WHERE BOTH HE AND THE SHIPMENT OF MIRACLO DISAPPEARED.



DANIEL DUNBAR UNCOVERED THE SHIP'S OLD MANIFEST AND CHARTED ITS COURSE... TO SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC...

...BUT THERE'S NOTHING THERE ACCORDING TO EVERY MAP PRINTED OR ONLINE.

...DON'T ZZZSTOP LOOKINGGG...





SHE'ZZ
COMINGGG!!





THE HEROES
TODAY, THEY'RE
TOO BUSY WITH
THEIR BAD
GUYS AND THEIR
OWN LIVES TO
WORRY ABOUT
A KID ON TOP
OF IT.



THE DAYS OF
THE SIDEKICK ARE
LONG GONE.

KAAKCOM



MY
GOSH...

WE'VE ALL BEEN
FORGOTTEN NOW.

BUT I HAVEN'T
FORGOTTEN THEM.



AND I'VE FINALLY
FOUND THEM.



THE
ISLAND.







UH...

HFFF...

KFFF...



MY
HAND...
IT...



I'M
YOUNG
AGAIN!

I'M...

CURSED.



YOU
SHOULDN'T HAVE
COME HERE,
MR. DUNBAR.



AAAAHHH!

NEXT: the lost children